

## Good News

### Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*Fr. Mark Haydu, LC*

Vincent van Gogh is one of the most famous painters in history. His dramatic style of eternally swirling motion and his palette of deep blue, green, and brown captivates us. His life was just as topsy-turvy as his style. He started off as an aspiring minister and missionary yet ended up committing himself to painting. He fought with mental illness most his life and, sadly, died poor and amidst mysterious circumstances.

His painting Pietà is one of his most spiritual and religious works. Carried out in the months before his untimely death, it shows the maturation of his style. Rather than approach the painting with a wide horizontal composition, he keeps it quite vertical, which suggests a connection between heaven and earth. Jesus is falling forward slightly and is not quite resting in Mary's arms. He seems to be somewhat on his own as Mary reacts in grief, offering more than an accepting embrace.

Suffering has both the moment of struggle and of rest. In Van Gogh's Pietà, as in life, the unrequited desire to rest prevails. The struggle to accept and embrace suffering was a big part of Van Gogh's life, as seen in his letters to his brother. Van Gogh, like us, sought serenity in a faith that claims "he has rescued the life of the poor" and that "all the hairs of your head are counted" and not a sparrow "falls to the ground without your Father's knowledge." We are precious to God, as was his Son. The power of God's love embraces our suffering and offers to bring it to resurrection.

#### *For Reflection*

What am I struggling with and need to give over to Christ? How can I increase my trust in God this week?

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## Masses

Sun.	7:30	+Guy Erb
	9:00	+Shelby Simmons
	10:30	+Cliff Davis
	12:00	+Anna McArthur & Special Intention for Stephanie Evans
	6:00	+John Schaffler, Jr.
Mon.	6:15	Special Intention of Thanksgiving
	8:15	+Genevieve Garrone
	12:00	Confraternity of Suffering Souls & +Catherine Joyce
Tues.	6:15	+Catherine Trouy
	8:15	+Brad Hansom
	12:00	+John B. Sherlock
Wed.	6:15	Special Intention for John Guesman
	8:15	Special Intention for Wickey & Mary Nelson & +John Schaffler, Jr.
	12:00	+Sid Kraker & +Steve Zeber
Thurs.	6:15	Special Intention for John & Mary Gorman & +Margie Ryan
	8:15	+Shelby Simmons
	12:00	+Emmett O'Ryan & +Steve Zeber
Fri	6:15	Special Intention for Bryan Shaber & +Mary Catherine Gorman
	8:15	Special Intention for the Gorman family & +Catherine Grace Goodwin
	12:00	+Special Intention for Devanie Cooper & for Alice Fielding
Sat.	6:15	Miracle for Clare Marie Wilson
	8:15	Special Intention for Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Shobe
	4:30	+Albert Santi

Prayers are requested for the sick: Bob & Katherine McArthur Sigafos+Rosann Donoghue+George Lonergan+Lou Ann Bosi+Margaret Kolasinski+Mary Hemphill+Jim McNulty+Geri Duff+Renate Broecker+Don Stark.

Prayers are requested for the repose of the soul of Louis Vescovo.

## Information

**Sacrament of Baptism**—Baptisms are celebrated on Sundays following noon Mass. Parents are asked to attend an instructional class prior to the baptism. Please call the parish office to schedule a baptism.

**Adults interested in the Catholic Faith**—to learn more about the Catholic Faith, please contact Deacon Jeff Drzycimski at 255-1950, ext. 1953 for information about our R.C.I.A. (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) program.

**Sacrament of Marriage**—Please contact one of the priests for an appointment at least 6 months in advance of the proposed wedding date. Diocesan policy requires that certain guidelines be met.

**Funerals**—please call the parish office to make funeral arrangements; our staff will be happy to assist you.

**Ministry to the Sick**—When a family member is ill, home-bound, or hospitalized, please call the parish office to request prayers and to arrange a pastoral visit. The priests and our lay Ministers to the Sick make regular visits to the sick and homebound.

**Nursery**—a nursery is provided in the Clunan Center each weekend at 9:00 am, 10:30 am, and noon Masses on Sunday.

# June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2017— Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time

## FAREWELL MSGR. JOHN MCARTHUR

Msgr. John B. McArthur will be retiring at the end of June and take up his new duties as chaplain at Christian Brothers High School. Please join us in the gymnasiums on **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** from 1-3pm to celebrate his service to our parish and diocese.

## FAREWELL FR. DEXTER NOBLEFRANCA

Fr. Dexter will be leaving our parish for his new assignment as Parochial Administrator of St. Mary's Church in Savanna and Our Lady of the Lake Church in Pickwick. Please join us for Mass at 5:30pm on **Wednesday, June 28<sup>th</sup>** followed by a reception in the Clunan Center.

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Thanks to all our parishioners who have made their gift to the 2017 Bishop's Annual Appeal. St. Louis is 93% towards our goal of \$458,000. If you have not yet made a gift or pledge, please fill out a commitment card located in the Narthex. Please participate in the support of our diocesan church.

## PERPETUAL ADORATION

Visit [www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration](http://www.tinyurl.com/SLCCAdoration) to sign up to volunteer for one hour per week or as a substitute. *Many slots have only one adorer and there is a great need to have at least two adorers per shift.*

**Adorers are needed for the 4am slot on Mondays, 1am slot on Tuesdays, 12pm slot on Wednesdays, the 2am (shared time) 12pm, 3pm and 5pm slots on Fridays, the 3am slot on Saturdays, the 9pm slot on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturdays of each month and the 3am, 4am, 10am, 4pm and 10pm slots on Sundays.** Contact Jan O'Donnell by email at [jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org](mailto:jan.odonnell@stlouis.cdom.org) or call 255-1954.



## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

SVDP was able to help only 12 families in May; 8 with utilities, 1 with rent/mortgage, 1 with auto repair and a motel, 1 with furniture storage, and 1 with gas money. We also bought fresh produce weekly for our guests at the soup kitchen. Our funds were low in May so it limited our outreach. Thank you for your monetary donations monthly! It helps provide for the poor in our community and the need is great! If you are interested in becoming involved in this ministry that blesses you as well as our families, please call Sue Ellen Haaga 755-8213. We need more volunteers for the poor!



## WELCOME TO ST. LOUIS!

We welcome **Fr. Jolly Sebastian, M.C.B.S., Fr. Ruben Villalon-Rivera** and **Fr. Herbert Ene** to St. Louis.

Fr. Jolly Sebastian will be our Parochial Administrator. Our new Associate Pastors are Fr. Ruben Villalon-Rivera and Fr. Herbert Ene.

## SECOND COLLECTION

The Second Collection on **Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>** and **Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>** will be for Peter's Pence. These funds are used by the Holy Father in his pastoral care for the Church.

## ST. LOUIS YOUTH MINISTRY



63 Senior High Youth and 12 adult chaperones recently attended Catholic HEART Workcamp in Milwaukee, WI. During this time, the youth and adults served the

poor, attended Mass and retreat activities, and built relationships with each other and teens from around the country. They also visited the Basilica of the National Shrine of Mary, Help of Christians at Holy Hill.

Youth in grades 7-12 who are involved in St. Louis Youth Ministry are eligible to attend Catholic HEART Workcamp each summer. This year, one of our recent graduates, **Anna Harrison**, attended her sixth straight mission trip with our youth ministry.

## SOCKS FOR SCHOOL KIDS



*"...whatever you did for the for one of these lest brothers of mine, you did for me." (MT. 25:40)*

The St. Louis Catholic Church Parish Social Ministry is asking for your help to clothe needy school children with socks. Project Outreach of Fayette County, started by the late Sr. Elaine Wicks at the request of Bishop Dozier, is collecting many items for distribution to school children of elementary through high school age. Most of us take socks for granted. Donated socks will be distributed to those in need who may not have more than one or two pairs of socks to wear during the school year without your, and others, generosity. We ask that you prayerfully consider helping these school children. Preferably the socks will be white crew or basketball socks for 6 to 18 year old children and teens. Collection ends this weekend. During that time boxes will be in the Narthex or outside the PSM office in the Clunan Center for dropping off your donation.

## RED CROSS BABYSITTER'S TRAINING COURSE

The Red Cross Babysitter's Training Course will be offered on **Monday, August 2<sup>nd</sup>** from 9am-4pm for ages 11-15 only. There will be 15 available spaces. Sign-up sheets are in the church office. You must sign up by **Monday, July 17<sup>th</sup>**. The cost is \$69. Bring a snack, sack lunch and drink.



## St. Louis Cradle Roll

St. Louis Cradle Roll welcomes **Lucas David Hill**, born May 31<sup>st</sup>, son of **Lindsey and Daniel Hill**, grandson of **Cheryl and David Himelright**.

## Banns of Marriage

Banns of Marriage are announced for the second time for **Karen Harder and Brian Haynes**.

## WEEKEND RETREATS FOR WOMEN

Do you need a weekend away – a weekend with no commitments? Come to Our Lady Queen of Peace Retreat Center for a women's silent weekend retreat **August 11-**

**13** or a women's retreat *sponsored by St. Louis August 18-20*. The retreat theme is: Psalms: Life as Prayer - Conversation, Conversion and Compassion in the World. The Psalms speak to all of human experience. The Psalms teach us how to pray.

Retreats begin Friday evening with dinner at 6:30pm and conclude with lunch on Sunday. Suggested offering: \$200 per single occupancy or \$180 per double occupancy. Register online: [www.olqpretreats.com](http://www.olqpretreats.com) or call 731-548-2500. Women of all parishes are welcome.

## A ROSARY INVITATION

Join us to pray a rosary for our priests/church, city, country and world in the Church at 7pm on **Thursday, July 6<sup>th</sup>**. We will especially be praying for all of our priests and their new assignments. For more information contact Susan Smith at 755-9447.



## KNITTING & CROCHETING MINISTRY

The St. Louis Knitting Ministry meets on Sundays from 1-3pm. People who crochet (in preferred yarn) are also needed. Beginners are welcome. Members supply their own materials (donations welcomed!). Needs and demands are growing tremendously to wrap newborns and sick in God's love. Call Charlotte B. Parry at 820-0531 for information.



## ATTENTION RECENT GRADUATES

Stay connected with your faith in college! Visit [newmanconnection.com](http://newmanconnection.com) to let your college Catholic Campus Ministry know you're coming! It takes just a moment, but that moment can lead to a lifetime of spiritual growth and authentic friendship. Get connected today! For more information, contact Sam Mauck at [samuel.mauck@ccm.cdom.org](mailto:samuel.mauck@ccm.cdom.org).

## ROSARY BRIGADE INTENTION

Pray that those who suffer from physical and spiritual hunger be filled with healing goodness.

## NEXT WEEKEND'S READINGS

Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading	2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a
Psalm	Psalm 89
Second Reading	Romans 6:3-4, 8-11
Gospel	Matthew 10:37-42

## PRAYERS FOR THE ARMED FORCES

Please keep the men and women serving in Iraq, and other conflict areas around the world, in your prayers as well as their families. Pray especially for Jonathan Paul Morales, Robert Bender, Desiree Bender, Brad Israel, Capt. Charlie Kennedy, Capt. Jay Schaffler, Jeff Sexton, Cpl. Graham Mehofer and Spc. Cooper Lawrence.

## FATHER'S DAY FLOWERS

Thank you to Teresa & Cliff Sorrels who made a donation in memory of **Louis J. Montesi, Sr.** for the beautiful flowers on the altars for Father's Day Masses.

## STUDENT SERVICE HOUR REQUIREMENTS

**Start earning your service hours this Summer!** Students who attend St. Louis Catholic School in grades 5 through 8 and students who receive the Sacrament of Confirmation through St. Louis Catholic Church are required to earn service hours each year. Visit [www.stlouischurchmphis.org](http://www.stlouischurchmphis.org) and click on forms for requirement details and signature form.



## FAITH MAGAZINE

In the Faith West Tennessee, you will read about local Catholics who put their faith in action. For \$18 a year (\$1.50 per month) the magazine will help you to explore your faith and to evangelize. Donations help to cover working costs of the Memphis Diocese's website ([www.cdom.org](http://www.cdom.org)), weekly online news in the West Tennessee Catholic, the diocesan calendar and Facebook – always with free access for you.